

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered. That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶29.10 COMMITTEE ELECTION—MAJORITY

Mr. MICA, by direction of the Republican Conference, submitted the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 108):

Resolved. That the following named Member be, and he is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Mr. Portman.

When said resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶29.11 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

A passion for discovery and a sense of adventure have always driven this Nation forward. These deeply rooted American qualities spur our determination to explore new scientific frontiers and spark our can-do spirit of technological innovation. Continued American leadership depends on our enduring commitment to science, to technology, to learning, to research.

Science and technology are transforming our world, providing an age of possibility and a time of change as profound as we have seen in a century. We are well-prepared to shape this change and seize the opportunities so as to enable every American to make the most of their God-given promise. One of the most important ways to realize this vision is through thoughtful investments in science and technology. Such investments drive economic growth, generate new knowledge, create new jobs, build new industries, ensure our national security, protect the environment, and improve the health and quality of life of our people.

This biennial report to the Congress brings together numerous elements of our integrated investment agenda to promote scientific research, catalyze technological innovation, sustain a sound business environment for research and development, strengthen national security, build global stability, and advance educational quality

and equality from grade school to graduate school. Many achievements are presented in the report, together with scientific and technological opportunities deserving greater emphasis in the coming years.

Most of the Federal research and education investment portfolio enjoyed bipartisan support during my first Administration. With the start of a new Administration, I hope to extend this partnership with the Congress across the entire science and technology portfolio. Such a partnership to stimulate scientific discovery and new technologies will take America into the new century well-equipped for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The future, it is often said, has no constituency. But the truth is, we must all be the constituency of the future. We have a duty—to ourselves, to our children, to future generations—to make these farsighted investments in science and technology to help us master this moment of change and to build a better America for the 21st century.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, April 9, 1997.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Science.

¶29.12 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, for today;

To Mrs. CARSON, for today;

To Mr. SCHIFF, for today and balance of the week; and

To Mr. PORTER, for today.

And then,

¶29.13 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. JACKSON-LEE, at 4 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶29.14 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1092. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for Department of Veterans Affairs property, to rename the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals and the National Cemetery System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-47). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶29.15 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. HYDE (for himself, Mr. COBLE, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. BONO, Mr. BRYANT, and Mr. GOODLATTE):

H.R. 1252. A bill to modify the procedures of the Federal courts in certain matters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 1253. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for the fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. CLAY, Ms. DANNER, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. HULSHOF, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. SKELTON, and Mr. TALENT):

H.R. 1254. A bill to designate the U.S. post office building located at Bennett and Kansas Avenue in Springfield, MO, as the "John N. Griesemer Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Mr. FROST, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. FARR of California, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. SLAUGHTER):

H.R. 1255. A bill to amend the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to establish certain additional requirements relating to electronic and information technology accessibility guidelines for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. FORBES:

H.R. 1256. A bill to authorize the exchange of National Park Service land in the Fire Island National Seashore in the State of New York for land in the Village of Patchogue, Suffolk County, NY; to the Committee on Resources.

H.R. 1257. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish, and provide a checkoff for, a biomedical research fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. HORN, Mr. KIM, Ms. MOLINARI, and Mr. ROHRBACHER):

H.R. 1258. A bill to require the Attorney General to conduct a pilot program under which the Attorney General will notify a State of potential employment opportunities for welfare recipients in the State created by the removal of unauthorized aliens from work sites, and to reward pilot program States with a high rate of success in placing such recipients in such employment positions; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. FALCONER, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. STARK, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. YATES, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. TOWNS):

H.R. 1259. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to lift the trade embargoes on dolphin-safe tuna harvested in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. UPTON (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BROWN of